

A Report to the Montana Legislature

FINANCIAL-COMPLIANCE AUDIT

State Auditor's Office

For the Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016

APRIL 2017

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April 2017

The Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

This is our financial-compliance audit report on the State Auditor's Office (office) for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 2016. Our report contains no recommendations to the office.

The office's written response is included in the audit report on page C-1. We thank the Commissioner and his staff for their cooperation and assistance throughout the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

ls/ Angus Maciver

Angus Maciver Legislative Auditor

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ELECTED, APPOINTED AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

State Auditor's Office

Effective January 2, 2017

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Montana Legislative Audit Division



FINANCIAL-COMPLIANCE AUDIT State Auditor's Office

For the Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016

APRIL 2017 16-20 REPORT SUMMARY

Insure Montana was a program designed to assist small businesses with cost of health insurance. This program was funded through December 2015 and is no longer available.

Context

The mission of the State Auditor's Office (office) is to protect Montana's consumers through insurance and securities regulation. The elected Montana State Auditor serves as the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance.

The office is organized into three divisions: Central Management; Insurance; Securities. The Insurance Division investigates insurance code and rule violations, collects taxes, resolves complaints, provides insurance licenses, reviews rates, and provides continuing education. The Securities Division is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Securities Act of Montana. This includes registration of securities issuers, sales people, investment advisers, brokers-dealers, investment adviser representatives, and conducting investigations.

Total revenues collected by the office were approximately \$125 million and \$130 million in fiscal years 2015 and 2016, respectively. Primary revenue sources include insurance premium tax and securities and insurance licenses, permits, and fees. Approximately 64 percent or more of total revenues are deposited into the General Fund annually.

Total annual expenditures approximate \$52 million. Primary office expenditures

include local assistance, which represents state contributions to firefighter and police retirement systems, Insure Montana tax credits (fiscal year 2015), and premium assistance.

We focused our audit effort primarily on insurance and securities revenues, including premium insurance tax, licenses, permits, and fees. We also audited the related expenditures activity including payments of local assistance in support of the Firefighters' Unified Retirement System, the Volunteer Firefighters' Pension trust fund, and the Municipal Police Officers' Retirement System administered by the Montana Public Employees' Retirement Administration. Throughout the audit, we reviewed and tested the office's control systems and determined compliance with selected state laws and regulations.

Results

The current report contains no recommendations. The prior report contained three recommendations. One prior audit recommendation is no longer applicable since it was related to the Insure Montana program. Recommendations related to computer access and documentation required to register as a securities agent were implemented by the office.

Chapter I – Introduction

Introduction

We performed a financial-compliance audit of the State Auditor's Office (office) for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 2016. The objectives of the audit were:

- 1. To obtain an understanding of the office's control structure to the extent necessary to support the audit of its financial schedules and, where necessary, make recommendations for improvement in the office's management and internal controls.
- 2. To determine the office's compliance with selected state laws and regulations during the two fiscal years ending June 30, 2016.
- 3. To determine the implementation status of prior audit recommendations.
- 4. To determine whether the office's financial schedules present fairly the results of operations and changes in fund equity for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2015.

We addressed these objectives by focusing our audit effort primarily on insurance and securities revenues, including premium insurance tax, licenses, permits, and fees. We also audited the related expenditures activity including payments of local assistance in support of the Firefighters' Unified Retirement System, the Volunteer Firefighters' Pension trust fund, and the Municipal Police Officers' Retirement System administered by the Montana Public Employees' Retirement Administration. Throughout the audit, we reviewed and tested the office's control systems and determined compliance with selected state laws and regulations. The report contains no recommendations.

Office Background and Organization

The State Auditor is the Commissioner of Insurance and Securities. The State Auditor also serves as a member of the State Land Board and the Crop Hail Insurance Board. The office licenses and regulates insurance companies and agents within the state, and regulates and registers securities dealers.

The following divisions or activities that are presented on the Schedules of Expenditures & Transfers-Out are explained below. Total authorized full-time equivalent (FTE) staff for the programs and activities was 81.50 during the audit period, which includes 1.50 FTE modified positions that are not included in the division counts. The Local Assistance to Counties has no approved FTE and is primarily administered through the FTE of the Central Management program.

<u>Central Management Division</u>: (18.8 FTE) This division is responsible for the administrative, budgeting, personnel, and accounting functions of the office. The

division also provides support for the State Auditor as he fulfills his duties on the State Land Board and the Crop Hail Insurance Board.

<u>Insurance Division</u>: (50.40 FTE) This division regulates the insurance industry in Montana. Its duties include: resolving insurance consumer inquiries and complaints about agents, coverage, and companies; licensing and reviewing the rates and financial condition of insurance companies; collecting the insurance premium tax; approving forms used by insurance companies; licensing, testing, and administering a continuing education program for insurance agents; and investigating insurance code and rule violations.

The division administered the Insure Montana Program, a program that was designed to assist small businesses with the cost of health insurance. This program was no longer funded as of December 2015.

Local Assistance to Counties: The office is responsible for distributing General Fund moneys to the Montana Public Employees' Retirement Administration for the Firefighters' Unified Retirement System, the Volunteer Firefighters' Pension trust fund, and the Municipal Police Officers' Retirement System.

<u>Securities Division</u>: (10.84 FTE) This division is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Securities Act of Montana. The division is responsible for the registration of securities issuers, salespeople, investment advisers, broker-dealers, and investment adviser representatives. It also investigates instances of unregistered or fraudulent securities transactions.

Prior Audit Recommendations

The prior financial-compliance audit of the office for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, contained three recommendations. One prior audit recommendation is no longer applicable since it was related to the Insure Montana program that was no longer funded as of December 2015. Recommendations related to computer access and documentation required to register as a securities officer were implemented by the office.

Independent Auditor's Report and Office Financial Schedules

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

Introduction

We have audited the accompanying Schedule of Changes in Fund Equity & Property Held in Trust for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, Schedule of Changes in Fund Equity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and the Schedules of Total Revenues & Transfers-In and Schedules of Total Expenditures & Transfers-Out of the State Auditor's Office (office) for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, and 2015, and the related notes to the financial schedules.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Schedules

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial schedules in accordance with the regulatory format prescribed by the Legislative Audit Committee, based on the transactions posted to the state's accounting system without adjustment; this responsibility includes recording transactions in accordance with state accounting policy; and designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial schedules that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial schedules based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial schedules are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial schedules. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial schedules, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the office's preparation and fair presentation of the financial schedules in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the office's internal control, and accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as the overall presentation of the financial schedules.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinions on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1, the financial schedules are prepared from the transactions posted to the state's primary accounting system without adjustment, in the regulatory format prescribed by the Legislative Audit Committee. This is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial schedules are not intended to, and do not, report assets and liabilities.

The effects on the financial schedules of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinions on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinions on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" paragraph, the financial schedules referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the office as of June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2015, or changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the Schedule of Changes in Fund Equity & Property Held in Trust for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, Schedule of Changes in Fund Equity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and the Schedules of Total Revenues & Transfers-In and Schedules of Total Expenditures & Transfers-Out, present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and changes in fund equity and property held in trust of the State Auditor's Office for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, and 2015, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 30, 2017, on our consideration of the office internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the office's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cindy Jorgenson

Cindy Jorgenson, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor Helena, MT

STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY & PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Private Purpose Trust Fund 12,760,108	84,988	84,988	1,417,698	1,417,698	11,427,398
Agency Fund \$		35,415 35,415		15,405 15,405	\$ 0 \$ \$ 20,010
Federal Special Revenue Fund 215	3,785	3,785	4,000	4,000	0
State Special Revenue Fund 4,369,260 \$	45,081,768 436,880 (2,230)	15,288,046	8,406,045 8,543,668 (48,807)	16,900,906	2,756,401 \$
General Fund \$ (31,448,105) \$	76,677,162 8,058,687 (2,506)	34,978,256	34,071,032 (339) (79,466)	33,991,226	\$ (30,461,076) \$
FUND EQUITY: July 1, 2015 PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST: July 1, 2015	ADDITIONS Budgeted Revenues & Transfers-In Nonbudgeted Revenues & Transfers-In Prior Year Revenues & Transfers-In Adjustments Direct Fetries to Fund Foriity	Additions to Property Held in Trust Total Additions	REDUCTIONS Budgeted Expenditures & Transfers-Out Nonbudgeted Expenditures & Transfers-Out Prior Year Expenditures & Transfers-Out	Keductions in Property Held in Trust Total Reductions	FUND EQUITY: June 30, 2016 PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST: June 30, 2016

STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

		State Special	Federal Special		Private Purpose
FUND EQUITY: July 1, 2014	\$ (28,232,344) \$ _	7,733,946	Xeverine ruid	200	\$ 12,786,423
ADDITIONS Budgeted Revenues & Transfers.In	74 175 200	44 562 704			
Nonbudgeted Revenues & Transfers-In	6,310,317	362,305			15.279
Prior Year Revenues & Transfers-In Adjustments	(18,478)	(29,869)			,
Direct Entries to Fund Equity	(49,127,772)	(30,777,148)			
Total Additions	31,339,278	14,118,082		0	15,279
REDUCTIONS					
Budgeted Expenditures & Transfers-Out	34,752,397	10,666,682		285	
Nonbudgeted Expenditures & Transfers-Out	1,463	6,839,756			41,594
Prior Year Expenditures & Transfers-Out Adjustments	(198,821)	(23,672)			
Total Reductions	34,555,039	17,482,767		285	41,594
FUND EQUITY: June 30, 2015	\$ (31,448,105)	4,369,260	₩	215	\$ 12,760,108

STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE SCHEDULE OF TOTAL REVENUES & TRANSFERS-IN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	g	General Fund	, IF	State Special Revenue Fund	Revenue Fund		Filvate Fulpose Trust Fund	1	Total
TOTAL REVENUES & TRANSFERS-IN BY CLASS Licenses and Permits	s	7.241.228	ક્ક	15.212.712				69	22,453,940
		69,223,242		29,368,722					98,591,964
		7,253		315,621					322,874
		202,934							202,934
Grants, Contracts, and Donations				52,800		8	84,988	38	137,788
		8,058,687		380,194 \$	က်	3,785			8,442,666
				130,325					130,325
Capital Asset Sale Proceeds				3,725					3,725
				52,318					52,318
Total Revenues & Transfers-In		84,733,342		45,516,418	3,	3,785	84,988	82	130,338,534
Less: Nonbudgeted Revenues & Transfers-In		8,058,687		436,880			84,988	88	8,580,555
Prior Year Revenues & Transfers-In Adjustments		(2,506)		(2,230)					(4,736)
Actual Budgeted Revenues & Transfers-In		76,677,162		45,081,768	3,	3,785		0	121,762,715
Estimated Revenues & Transfers-In		82,641,001		45,147,701		200			127,789,402
Budgeted Revenues & Transfers-In Over (Under) Estimated	ક્ક	(5,963,839)	\$	(65,933) \$	3,	3,085 \$		0	(6,026,687
BUDGETED REVENUES & TRANSFERS-IN OVER (UNDER) ESTIMATED BY CLASS									
	↔		s	(3,188)				↔	(3,960)
		(54,252)		(61,054)					(115,305
		8,253		(2,540)					5,713
		(22,066)							(22,066)
		(5,895,000)		\$	er er	3,085			(5,891,915)
				25					25
		(1)		823					822
Budgeted Revenues & Transfers-In Over (Under) Estimated	€.	(5.963.839)	S	(65,933) \$	m	3.085		0	(6.026.687

STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE SCHEDULE OF TOTAL REVENUES & TRANSFERS-IN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Ğe	General Fund		State Special Revenue Fund	Federal Special Revenue Fund	Private Purpose Trust Fund		Total	_
TOTAL REVENUES & TRANSFERS-IN BY CLASS									
Licenses and Permits	છ	6,800,062	s	14,837,152			8	21,637,214	7,214
Taxes	•	66,536,445		29,334,619				95,871,064	1,064
Charges for Services				299,345				299	299,345
Fines and Forfeits		820,225						820	820,225
Grants, Contracts, and Donations					\$	15,279	6	15	15,279
Transfers-in		6,310,317		362,174				6,672,491	2,491
Miscellaneous				61,940				61	61,940
Total Revenues & Transfers-In	~	80,467,049		44,895,230	0	15,279	6	125,377,558	7,558
Less: Nonbudgeted Revenues & Transfers-In		6,310,317		362,305		15,279	6	6,687,902	7,902
Prior Year Revenues & Transfers-In Adjustments		(18,478)		(29,869)				(48	(48,346)
Actual Budgeted Revenues & Transfers-In		74,175,209		44,562,794	0		0	118,738,003	3,003
Estimated Revenues & Transfers-In		74,184,002		44,385,501 \$	4,000			118,573,503	3,503
Budgeted Revenues & Transfers-In Over (Under) Estimated	s	(8,793)	₩	177,293 \$	(4,000)		<i>\$</i>	164	164,500
BUDGETED REVENUES & TRANSFERS-IN OVER (UNDER) ESTIMATED BY CLASS									
Licenses and Permits	s	(838)	s	2,152			8	_	1,314
Taxes		(27)		126					86
Charges for Services		(8,000)		132,474				124	124,474
Fines and Forfeits		75							75
Transfers-in		5		s	(4,000)			4)	(4,001)
Miscellaneous		£		42,540				42	42,539
Budgeted Revenues & Transfers-In Over (Under) Estimated	s	(8,793)	s	177,293 \$	(4,000)		0	164	164,500

STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE SCHEDULE OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS-OUT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	М	Central anagement		Insurance	Lo	ocal Assistance to Counties		Securities		Total
PROGRAM (ORG) EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS-OUT										
Personal Services Salaries Employee Benefits Total	\$	946,346 340,622 1,286,968	\$	2,870,983 1,040,857 3,911,839			\$	664,020 223,516 887,536	\$	4,481,348 1,604,995 6,086,344
Operating Expenses Other Services Supplies & Materials Communications Travel Rent Repair & Maintenance Other Expenses Total		92,571 79,334 75,315 19,720 108,069 3,960 64,285 443,255	_	503,193 23,505 51,281 73,717 333,816 2,774 72,896 1,061,181			_	68,566 89,910 16,340 30,428 69,254 141 11,832 286,472	_	664,330 192,749 142,936 123,865 511,139 6,876 149,014 1,790,908
Equipment & Intangible Assets Equipment Total		9,500 9,500							_	9,500 9,500
Local Assistance From other sources Total					\$	30,356,261 30,356,261			_	30,356,261 30,356,261
Benefits & Claims From State Sources From Other Sources Total			_	3,476,684 1,417,698 4,894,382			_	737,555 737,555	_	4,214,239 1,417,698 5,631,937
Transfers-out Fund transfers Total			_	1,360,921 1,360,921			_	7,077,960 7,077,960	_	8,438,881 8,438,881
Total Expenditures & Transfers-Out	\$	1,739,723	\$	11,228,323	\$	30,356,261	\$	8,989,523	\$	52,313,831
EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS-OUT BY FUND										
General Fund State Special Revenue Fund Federal Special Revenue Fund Private Purpose Trust Fund	\$	1,739,723	\$	3,634,965 6,171,660 4,000 1,417,698	\$	30,356,261	\$	8,989,523	\$	33,991,226 16,900,906 4,000 1,417,698
Total Expenditures & Transfers-Out Less: Nonbudgeted Expenditures & Transfers-Out Prior Year Expenditures & Transfers-Out Adjustmen Actual Budgeted Expenditures & Transfers-Out	ts	1,739,723 (922) (1,977) 1,742,621	_	11,228,323 2,851,507 (80,091) 8,456,907		30,356,261 (46,205) 30,402,466	_	8,989,523 7,110,441 1,879,082	_	52,313,831 9,961,027 (128,273) 42,481,077
Budget Authority Unspent Budget Authority	\$	2,269,252 526,631	\$	10,714,545	\$	30,522,872 120,406	\$	2,482,411 603,329	\$	45,989,080 3,508,003
UNSPENT BUDGET AUTHORITY BY FUND										
General Fund State Special Revenue Fund Unspent Budget Authority	\$ \$	526,631 526,631	\$ 	831,435 1,426,203 2,257,638	\$ \$	120,406 120,406	\$ 	603,329 603,329	\$ \$	951,840 2,556,163 3,508,003

STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE SCHEDULE OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS-OUT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

		Central Management	_	Insurance	_	Local Assistance to Counties	_	Securities	_	Total
PROGRAM (ORG) EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS-OUT										
Personal Services Salaries Employee Benefits Total	\$	943,616 335,564 1,279,179	\$	2,828,553 1,003,496 3,832,050			\$ 	725,866 239,386 965,252	\$	4,498,036 1,578,446 6,076,481
Operating Expenses Other Services Supplies & Materials Communications Travel Rent Utilities Repair & Maintenance Other Expenses Goods Purchased For Resale Total	_	13,420 58,538 78,720 23,165 125,403 52 765 60,009 641 360,713		1,140,428 53,385 60,508 104,754 329,053 142 512 59,977				51,038 11,470 12,223 22,547 33,777 14 35 10,139		1,204,885 123,393 151,451 150,467 488,233 209 1,312 130,126 641 2,250,716
Equipment & Intangible Assets Equipment Total		37,106 37,106							=	37,106 37,106
Local Assistance From other sources Total					\$_	29,416,956 29,416,956			_	29,416,956 29,416,956
Benefits & Claims From State Sources From Other Sources Total			_	7,562,741 41,594 7,604,335			_	21,600 21,600	_	7,584,341 41,594 7,625,935
Transfers-out Fund transfers Total			_	146,342 146,342			_	6,526,149 6,526,149	_	6,672,491 6,672,491
Total Expenditures & Transfers-Out	\$	1,676,999	\$	13,331,486	\$	29,416,956	\$	7,654,245	\$	52,079,685
EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS-OUT BY FUND										
General Fund State Special Revenue Fund Federal Special Revenue Fund Private Purpose Trust Fund	\$	1,676,999	\$	5,138,083 8,151,523 285 41,594	\$	29,416,956	\$	7,654,245	\$	34,555,039 17,482,767 285 41,594
Total Expenditures & Transfers-Out Less: Nonbudgeted Expenditures & Transfers-Out Prior Year Expenditures & Transfers-Out Adjustments Actual Budgeted Expenditures & Transfers-Out	<u> </u>	1,676,999 (728) (22,840) 1,700,566	_	13,331,486 355,589 (163,935) 13,139,831	_	29,416,956 (35,777) 29,452,733	_	7,654,245 6,527,951 60 1,126,233	_	52,079,685 6,882,813 (222,492) 45,419,364
Budget Authority Unspent Budget Authority	\$	2,184,693 484,127	\$	17,179,180 4,039,348	\$	30,288,851 836,118	\$	1,589,613 463,380	\$	51,242,337 5,822,972
UNSPENT BUDGET AUTHORITY BY FUND		·	_		_		_		_	
General Fund State Special Revenue Fund	\$	484,127	\$	1,463,711 2,571,922	\$	836,118	\$	463,380	\$	2,299,829 3,519,428
Federal Special Revenue Fund Unspent Budget Authority	\$	484,127	\$	3,715 4,039,348	\$	836,118	\$	463,380	\$	3,715 5,822,972

State Auditor's Office Notes to the Financial Schedules For the Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The office uses the modified accrual basis of accounting, as defined by state accounting policy, for its Governmental fund category (General, State Special Revenue, and Federal Special Revenue funds). In applying the modified accrual basis, the office records:

- Revenues when it receives cash or when receipts are realizable, measurable, earned, and available to pay current period liabilities.
- Expenditures for valid obligations when the office incurs the related liability and it is measurable, with the exception of the cost of employees' annual and sick leave. State accounting policy requires the office to record the cost of employees' annual and sick leave when used or paid.

The office uses accrual basis accounting for its Fiduciary (Private-Purpose Trust) fund category. Under the accrual basis, as defined by state accounting policy, the office records revenues in the accounting period when realizable, measurable, and earned, and records expenses in the period incurred when measurable.

Expenditures and expenses may include: entire budgeted service contracts even though the office receives the services in a subsequent fiscal year; goods ordered with a purchase order before fiscal year-end, but not received as of fiscal year-end; and equipment ordered with a purchase order before fiscal year-end.

Basis of Presentation

The financial schedule format was adopted by the Legislative Audit Committee. The financial schedules are prepared from the transactions posted to the state's accounting system without adjustment.

The office uses the following funds:

Governmental Fund Category

• **General Fund** – to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund includes revenue for insurance premium tax, securities brokerage licenses, fines and penalties, and transfers in from securities and captive insurance state special revenue funds. The expenditures included in the general fund are transfers of funds to Montana Public Employee's Retirement Administration, expenditures to

- each city or town that has a fire relief association or a police department that is not a participant in the municipal police officer's retirement system, and Insure Montana Activity.
- State Special Revenue Fund to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than private-purpose trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific state program purposes. Office State Special Revenue Funds include Insurance and Security Division activity, such as securities portfolio registrations revenue, insurance license revenue, examination fees, industry continuing education programs, and Insure Montana Activity.
- **Federal Special Revenue Fund** to account for activities funded from federal revenue sources. Office Federal Special Revenue Fund is the Continuing Education Grant.

Fiduciary Fund Category

- ◆ Private-Purpose Trust Fund to account for activity of any trust arrangement not properly reported in a pension fund or an investment trust fund where the principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. The office's private-purpose trust fund includes financial deposits required to be held in trust by the office for insurance companies licensed in Montana.
- ◆ **Agency Fund** to account for resources held by the state in a custodial capacity. Agency funds may be used on a limited basis for internal (to the State) clearing account activity but these must have a zero balance at fiscal year-end. The office's agency funds include Property Held in Trust.

2. General Fund Equity Balance

The negative fund equity balance in the General Fund does not indicate overspent appropriation authority. The office has authority to pay obligations from the statewide General Fund within its appropriation limits. The office expends cash or other assets from the statewide fund when it pays General Fund obligations. The office's outstanding liabilities exceed the assets it has placed in the fund, resulting in negative ending General Fund equity balances for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

3. Direct Entries to Fund Equity

Direct entries to fund equity in the General and State Special Revenue funds include entries generated by SABHRS to reflect the flow of resources within individual funds shared by separate agencies. The significant portion of direct entries in both the General Fund and State Special Revenue Fund relate to resources from premium insurance tax revenues.

4. Insure Montana Program

The Insure Montana Program ended December 31, 2015. Accordingly, program benefits and claims expenditures decreased from \$7,562,740 in FY 2015 to \$3,476,683 in FY 2016. The FY 2015-16 program was funded fully from the General Fund.

Report on Internal Control and Compliance

Angus Maciver, Legislative Auditor Deborah F. Butler, Legal Counsel



Deputy Legislative Auditors: Cindy Jorgenson Joe Murray

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL SCHEDULES PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Schedule of Changes in Fund Equity & Property Held in Trust for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, Schedule of Changes in Fund Equity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and the Schedules of Total Revenues & Transfers-In and Schedules of Total Expenditures & Transfers-Out of the State Auditor's Office (office) for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, and 2015, and the related notes to the financial schedules, and have issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial schedules, we considered the State Auditor's Office internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial schedules, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of office internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of office internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial schedules will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal controls was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify

any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the office's financial schedules are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination on financial schedule amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

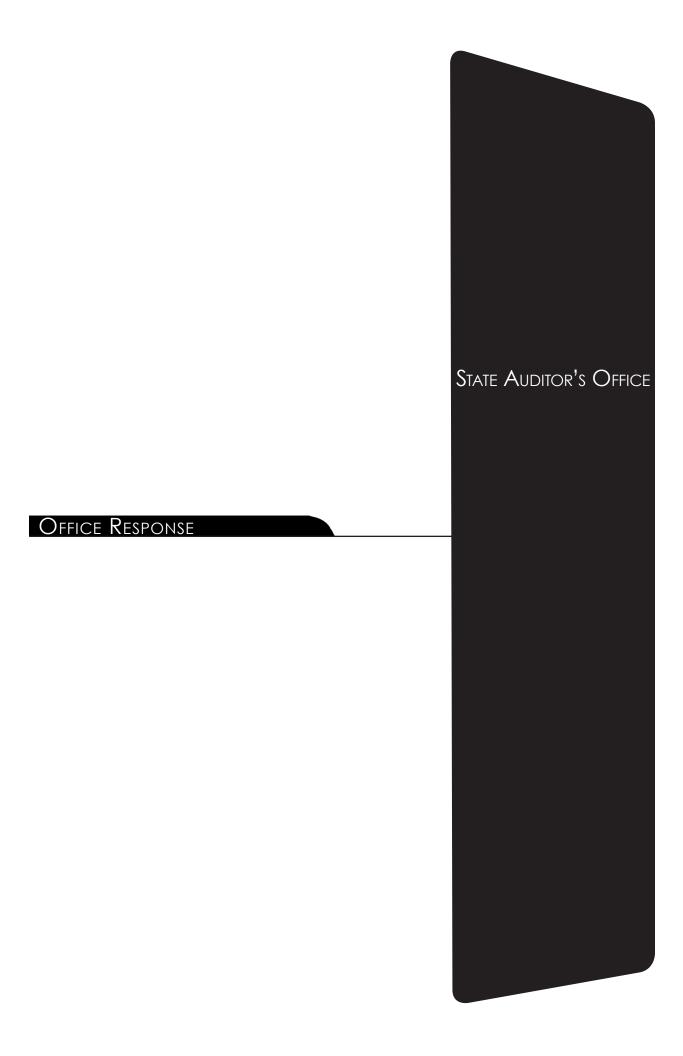
The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the office's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the office's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cindy Jorgenson

Cindy Jorgenson, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor Helena, MT

January 30, 2017



COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES & INSURANCE

MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR. COMMISSIONER



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March 31, 2017

Angus Maciver, Legislative Auditor Office of the Legislative Auditor P.O. Box 201705 Helena, Mt. 59620-1705

Dear Mr. Maciver,

The Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor has reviewed the financial compliance audit for the two fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and has no comments or exceptions to the report.

As Commissioner, I thank you and the audit team for your hard work and professionalism during this audit. We always look upon the audit process as an opportunity to evaluate and improve our operations and performance.

Sincerely,

Matthew M. Rosendale, Sr.

Commissioner of Securities & Insurance Office of the Montana State Auditor